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CITY BENEFITS FROM “BEST OF STATE” AWARD

Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Jr., recently received **Best of State** honors for leading Cottonwood Heights through the rigors of incorporation and for effectively tackling the unique challenges that have surfaced during its first three years of existence. The award was presented at a Gala Awards Dinner, sponsored by the **Best of State** Committee and a number of other local organizations, including KUTV, Channel 2. **Best of State** awards are given annually to individuals and organizations that excel in their respective categories of interest such as: Arts, Business Services, Community Development, Education, Science & Technology, etc.

The Cottonwood Heights' recognition was awarded to Mayor Cullimore for **Best of State** as an Elected Official in the Community Development category. He was nominated without his knowledge and was very surprised to receive the award. Nominees are judged on three factors: Achievement, Innovation, and Quality. Following are quotes from the nominating

document addressing each of the three judging criterion:

ACHIEVEMENT – “Mayor Cullimore has been one of the moving forces behind the incorporation and organization of Cottonwood Heights for more than six years. He was the



[organizing] committee's primary spokesman and fundraiser.” He then proceeded to provide the required leadership in organizing, managing, and establishing positive relationships with peers and constituents in the new city. “Immediately following his successful election, as the part-time Mayor in a Council/Manager government, but before being formally sworn in, he brought the newly elected council together and they began soliciting volunteers to assist with organizing the new city....He led

the council-elect in its preliminary deliberations leading to formal incorporation and organization of the city, including the selection of a city manager and other statutory officers, that ultimately enabled the city to begin functioning on the day of incorporation, January 14, 2005.”

From the incorporation election until the end of the last calendar year, December 31, 2007, the city has accumulated more than \$12 million in various reserve accounts. This money has come from savings in municipal operations, grants, and other governmental funding mechanisms of which the city has taken full advantage.

“While effectively leading the city from infancy to maturity in just three years, Mayor Cullimore has gained the respect and admiration of his peers, most of who have been in local government for many more years than he has. His fellow mayors recently chose him to chair the Salt Lake County Conference of Mayors.” He also serves as Finance Committee Chair and member of the Unified Fire Authority Board, Chair of the east side Jordan School District inter-local Committee, Chair of the TRCC Advisory Board of the

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CHPD BULLETIN

Sergeants and Civilians Hired

The major accomplishment of this past month has been the hiring of five Sergeants and three civilian personnel for the new CHPD. Under the direction of city Human Resources Generalist, Angela White, applicant Sergeants were interviewed by two separate screening boards and five were selected, given offers, and accepted offers within a period of about 30 days. The Sergeants will begin employment on July 14, and the civilian employees will begin at various times in July and August.

Other completed tasks include the office remodel and entry into agreements with other agencies for SWAT and CSI services. Of the 125 identified tasks required to be ready for September 1, 86 (68%) are completed, and only 8

of the 36 critical tasks are yet to be completed. Most critical tasks, such as ordering of firearms and vehicles, and completing all of the steps in the initial employee hiring process, including background checks, have been completed.

The council was informed at council meeting on Tuesday, June 24, that the fleet of automobiles has been delivered to various locations throughout the county and are scheduled for painting and installing computers, light/siren packages, radios, and video cameras.

It is anticipated that those CHPD officers and other personnel already on staff will be moving into their new offices during July. The yet to be hired officers and any additional civilian personnel

will begin on August 11. Training of officers will take place during the last two weeks of August and the entire department will be up and running on September 1, when CHPD will take over law enforcement duties from the Sheriff's office.

The five Sergeants, who will begin employment on July 14, will be trained on CHPD expectations and policies by Chief Russo and Assistant Chief Brenneman. They will then be charged with hiring and training the additional officers between July 15 and September 1. Initial officer interviews have been held and the narrowing process has begun.

In commenting on the newly hired Sergeants and civilian employees

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“Other” Transition Team Making Significant Headway

Due to the controversy surrounding the New School District Transition Team’s efforts to equitably divide Jordan School District’s physical assets, it is getting all of the publicity and newspaper space. However, a second transition team chosen by the Mayors of Cottonwood Heights, Sandy, Midvale, Draper, Salt Lake County, and Alta, is making significant headway laying groundwork for the new School Board that takes office on July 15, 2008, and begins a year of organizational activity and decision-making before it starts providing educational services on July 1, 2009.

This “other” transition team, the Education Transition Team (ETT), consists of three members, all highly respected, retired school administrators from other school districts in Utah. The committee is chaired by Dr. John Bennion, former Superintendent of Salt Lake City and Provo School Districts. The other two members are Dr. Sandra Peterson, former Assistant Superintendent of Davis School District and Rickie McCandless, former Associate Superintendent of Salt Lake School District.

These three committee members are charged with the responsibility of soliciting discussion on how the new school district should be organized; gathering information from interested stakeholders: parents, teachers, employees, etc., in anticipation of the new school board taking office; and organizing their findings into major themes to present to the new school board for their consideration. They have also initiated the search for a Superintendent and have received numerous applications to present to the new school board. They have also formed committees to address major areas of interest.

To date, the ETT has held stakeholder meetings throughout the new district, with representatives of every elementary, middle, and high school SCC, in addition to employee groups, Jordan Education Association representatives, school administrators and any other parties wanting

input into the process of organizing the new school district.

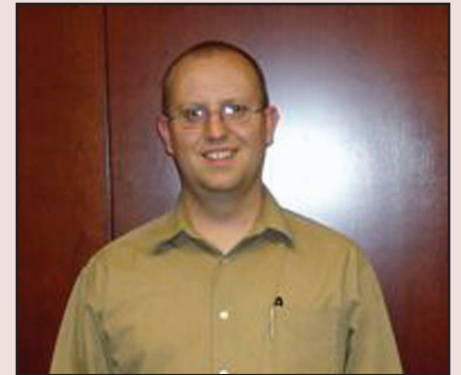
The ETT recently sent a newsletter to residents of the new school district wherein they identified the common themes of concern and interest as follows:

- Transition smoothly from one to two districts when they begin providing education services separately
- Improve on existing programs and services, even by making major changes in some programs
- Recognize the competitive environment for schools and be prepared for that competition
- Attract top quality administrators and teachers and develop career incentives and mentoring programs that will help retain the finest professional educators
- Provide greater flexibility, latitude, and authority for individual schools to make significant decisions of their educational needs under a new school community
- Strengthen School Community Councils
- Maintain and improve special education, gifted, and talented student programs
- Increase attention given to math, science, and the arts
- Upgrade and replace many physical facilities

All of the information gathered by the ETT will be given to the new school board when they officially take office on July 15. Members of the new school board are:

- District 1 – Monte Millerberg
- District 2 – Kim Murphy Horiuchi
- District 3 – Kevin Cromar
- District 4 – Tracy Scott Cowdell
- District 5 – Ellen S. Wallace
- District 6 – Sherril H. Taylor
- District 7 - Paul J. McCarty

Additional information on the ETT and its work is available at www.jordantransition.org



GREG PLATT NEW CITY PLANNER

Greg Platt, formerly with Naples City, is the new city planner in Cottonwood Heights. Greg is a graduate of BYU with a Masters Degree in planning. He is a native of Reno, Nevada, and moved to Utah in 1998 to attend school. He and his wife Ilene have one son, Toby. Greg made the following comment about his new position with Cottonwood Heights, “In Naples, which is near Vernal, I was not only the planning department but also the IT department. When the opportunity came to take a position with Cottonwood Heights and move back to Salt Lake Valley, we couldn’t resist.”

RELAY FOR LIFE – The American Cancer Society East Bench Relay for Life was held on Friday and Saturday, June 13 & 14 at the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center; and Cottonwood Heights residents were so involved that next year it will be called the American Cancer Society Cottonwood Heights Relay for Life. This year’s event far outshone the relay held last year, both in participants and in amount of money raised.

Twenty-five teams participated this year and collectively they raised over \$31,000. Various members of the city council, including Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore and numerous members of the city staff participated.

The city thanks Stone Surface Specialists, Canyon Inn, June S. Chen, MD, and Robert Bates for their financial contributions. A BIG THANK YOU also to all of those who walked in the relay, those who helped with fund raising, and those who worked as volunteers. Susannah Hutchins, City Events Coordinator, worked closely with the American Cancer Society to make it a successful venture.





PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR JULY

The June NEWS JOURNAL warned that this summer would bring much construction impacting travel routes. July is not an exception to that general caution. The Qwest cable extension project on Bengal, Wasatch and other streets in various neighborhoods is continuing, as is the storm drain and sidewalk improvement project on Big Cottonwood Canyon Road at about 3300 East.

Deputy City Manager and Development Director, Kevin Smith has announced the following for July:

- Landscape around Cottonwood Heights welcome sign, 1300 East/Union Park
- Construction of refuge island on Bengal Blvd at 2500 East (This is a unique pedestrian enhancement that will significantly improve safety in that crosswalk).
- Bid opening for first phase of the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail (from I-215 to 3000 East, through the Old Mill Corporate Center). Construction will begin in late July or early August.
- Paving Fort Union Blvd, between 1495 East and Nye Drive (Starting in early August and lasting about 4 weeks).

Remember, "Patience is a Virtue" and these construction projects are much less intrusive now than they would be in the winter.



SAFETY fair

Set for 9/11

What better day to have a city sponsored Safety Fair than September 11, as we commemorate the tragedy of 9/11/01. This Safety Fair will focus on Emergency Preparedness, Emergency Communication, and Neighborhood Crime Watch, and will introduce the new Cottonwood Heights Police Department (CHPD), in addition to sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive. The Fair will be held on the parking lot at the city offices (1265 East Fort Union Blvd.) and will include an Open House for those who want to tour the new CHPD offices. SAVE THE DATE!

CITY HAS NEW PHONE NUMBERS
(BUT OLD ONES STILL WORK)

In an effort to harmonize its phone numbers and prepare for future expansion, the city recently acquired a new series of numbers with a well known Cottonwood Heights prefix. The new city numbers, including the CHPD, will have a 944 prefix. The city's primary numbers are listed in the right hand column on the front page of this NEWS JOURNAL. Although these new numbers are effective immediately, the existing 545 numbers will continue to work for a few more months.



July City Council Meeting Schedule

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1256 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, July 1
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- Tuesday, July 8
6 p.m. Work Meeting (reconvenes following business meeting)
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- Tuesday, July 15
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- Tuesday, July 22
6 p.m. Work Meeting (reconvenes following business meeting)
7 p.m. Business Meeting

THERE WILL NOT BE ANY COUNCIL MEETINGS ON TUESDAY, JULY 29.



Thanks to approval from the Landlord of the Union Park Center, Cottonwood Heights' has a new flag pole located at the southwest corner of building 1265 East Fort Union Blvd. The new pole and flag were installed by CHPD personnel and Mayor Cullimore raised the flag for the first time prior to City Council on Tuesday, June 10. He then led those assembled in reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance." Participants included the City Council and some city staff, CHPD personnel, and citizens attending council meeting.

MOVIES IN THE PARK
TO BE JULY 18 AND AUGUST 1

Join 300 of your closest friends and neighbors at the second "Movies in the Parks," scheduled for Friday, July 18, at Mill Hollow Park (2900 East Hollow Mill Road). The movie is SURF'S UP, a great family movie projected on a 30' screen at dusk.

Prior to the movie, beginning at 7 p.m., youngsters can enjoy inflatable rides; then a FREE reptile show, "Scales and Tales," at 8 p.m. Bring a picnic and your own blankets and pillows and enjoy this event sponsored by the Rec. Center, the City, and Granite Construction Co.

The final movie in the series is Friday August 1, at Bywater Park (3300 East Banbury), where the scheduled movie is the BEE MOVIE. All other details are the same.





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and the officers who are still in the interview/selection process, Chief Russo stated, "We have been fortunate to have top officers from throughout the state apply to work in Cottonwood Heights. We will have the cream of the crop with seasoned Sergeants, knowledgeable civilians, and experienced officers, all willing and anxious to be part of the Cottonwood Heights' team and to be part of the process by which we develop the finest law enforcement agency in the state. We have also turned away some outstanding law enforcement personnel but anticipate we may be able to bring some of them on in the future."

The new CHPD Sergeants and the agency for which they previously worked are as follows:

Sergeant Gary Young - Salt Lake City PD

Sergeant Mark Askerlund - Salt Lake City PD

Sergeant Chris Gebhardt - Taylorsville PD

Sergeant Scott Peck - Draper PD

Sergeant Dave Broadhead - Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office

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Salt Lake County Council and as Treasurer of the Salt Lake County Council of Governments (COG).

INNOVATION - "A specific outstanding example of Mayor Cullimore's innovation and creativity was in leading the effort to find solutions to the numerous problems created for 156 families, residents of the new city, who had been unexpectedly informed that they must move from the property on which their mobile homes were located.... He organized a committee comprised of city staff members,...and other groups and individuals.... This committee studied and analyzed the crisis, developed a plan, and for nine months provided counseling and ultimately financial assistance to the entire mobile home community. [This committee] raised over \$1 million, much of which was generated by the Mayor's solicitations.... Virtually every resident was able to find comparable or better housing and all were able to move by the deadline."

In addition to this innovative effort, the Mayor participated in an effort to organize a United Police Department comprised of the unincorporated county and the cities that at the time were contracting with the Sheriff's office for law enforcement services. Although unsuccessful, this was an early effort to improve law enforcement services in Cottonwood Heights.

"After only three years existence Cottonwood Heights sponsors and/or participates with the Cottonwood Heights

Recreation Center in sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for children and an after-dark, flashlight egg hunt for teens; Butlerville Days, the annual 'town days' celebration; Thanksgiving Day Run; [Bark in the Park, an event for residents and their pets]; ...outdoor neighborhood movie nights...; election forums; the American Cancer Society...Relay for Life; a biannual public safety fair...." These are in addition to "keep the public informed efforts" such as council district "town meetings," numerous public hearings, a monthly informational newsletter to every home in the city, a frequently updated city website, etc.

QUALITY - At Mayor Cullimore's insistence, the city has adopted innovative personnel policies for its employees. He is also "...a moving force behind an effort in the southeast quadrant of Salt Lake County to form a new, smaller school district focused on improving education opportunities for its children. Cottonwood Heights was the first city in Utah to study the pros and cons of forming a smaller district...."

"The 'City Between the Canyons' continues to enhance its natural resources through development of trails, parks, and open space. Grants in excess of \$2 million have been acquired, primarily through the Mayor's leadership...."

Cottonwood Heights and its residents are benefiting from the enthusiasm and expertise evident in the Mayor's leadership. He and the city are both very deserving of the **Best of State** award and the honor and prestige it provides.

FIREWORKS CAUSE FIRES

It's that time of year again, when lighting fireworks is just plain dumb. Chief Mike Watson, UFA, reminded the City Council during his recent monthly report, that the potential for fire is enhanced this year due to the heavy water year and the rapid drying with unseasonably hot weather. He encouraged no fireworks this summer, especially as spelled out in the city's ordinances (Chapter 5.50.090 and Chapter 9.77). FIREWORKS are prohibited in many areas of Cottonwood Heights and enforcement is a priority with City Code Enforcement and Law Enforcement personnel. Ordinances are found on the website: www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov.

gov.

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Butlerville Days 2008

STILL TIME TO VOLUNTEER, ENTERTAIN, OR JOIN THE PARADE FOR BUTLERVILLE DAYS

Butlerville Days is upon us. Thursday, July 24, activities will begin at 7 a.m. with an "Historical Bike Ride" beginning at the Guthrie Skate Park on Bengal Blvd. The cyclists will proceed to the Bell Tower at the old Butler Ward Chapel on Fort Union and 2700 East, then on east to the Old Mill and back again to the Skate Park. Those not wanting to ride to the Old Mill can return to the starting point from the Old Butler Ward. (A map of the route is available at www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov).

For those not up to biking, festivities begin at 4 p.m. with a parade running south along 2700 East from Butler Elementary School to Bengal Blvd., then west to Cottonwood Heights Elementary School. Following the parade, activities will begin at Butler Park (behind the rec center), and will continue until climaxed by fireworks at approximately 10 p.m. Activities include inflatable rides, FREE WATERMELON, climbing walls, stage entertainment, a skateboard exhibition, a watermelon drop, sandcastle construction, face painting, pie-eating contest, auto and historical displays, numerous FOOD BOOTHS, and much more (Find full page agenda elsewhere in this Valley Journal).

In order for all of this to happen, more volunteers are needed to help with parking (and possibly other duties); and entertainment slots are still open. Call Susannah Hutchins at 944-7000 to volunteer or Brian Allen at 661-2922 for information about performing.

Parade entries are still being accepted. Contact Kim Horiuchi, Parade Chairman, at 947-0087 or kimhoriuchi@yahoo.com.